

WILLIAM PIERCY.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 470.]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition, papers, and a bill relating to the case of William Piercy, of Dutchess county, New York, for an invalid pension, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report :*

It appears from the papers that William Piercy enlisted in the city of New York, in the year 1802, as a marine on board the United States ship "Adams," under the command of Commodore Morris, and that in the war with the Tripolitan government, during an engagement, or an attack on the enemy's shipping near the city of Tripoli, about the end of the year 1802, or the beginning of the year 1803, while so engaged, he received two severe wounds, one in the arm and the other in his leg, both united, totally disabling him from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor ; for the proofs of which he has exhibited the affidavit of John Dellaway, who was a sailor on board the same ship Adams, who swears that he knew of the said William Piercy being one of the marines who was ordered on shore in the attack on that occasion on the common enemy near the harbor of Tripoli, and well remembers that the said William Piercy was, when brought on board, one of the wounded, being shot in the arm and leg. He also adduces the affidavits of two surgeons, viz : Isaac H. Traver and Calvert Campbell, of Dutchess county, New York, who swear that the wounds which they have examined on the body of William Piercy, one on his left arm and the other on his right leg, were caused by gun shots, depriving him of the use of both, and from manual labor. They certify that Wm. Piercy is a man of unblemished character. The Hon. John Thompson certifies to the character of Isaac P. Smith, the justice who certified to the surgeons, &c. The said William Piercy was granted a bounty land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres, under act of 3d of March, 1855, for this identical service, which identifies him clearly.

The committee are satisfied with such facts and proofs, and therefore report favorably to the prayer of the petitioner, and report the following bill for his relief if alive, otherwise, the arrears of pension to be paid to his widow or surviving children.

